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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4667
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO
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AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI
AMEMBASSY SANA

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS ET
SUBJECT: HARAR AND DIRE DAWA UNDER PRESSURE

1. ACCORDING TO ITALIAN AMBASSADOR AND BRITISH CHARGE, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE CITIZENS RESIDENT IN EITHER HARAR OR DIRE DAWA, SITUATION IN AND AROUND BOTH TOWNS OVER PAST FEW DAYS HAS GROWN SERIOUS. BOTH EMBASSIES ARE URGING THEIR CITIZENS TO COME TO ADDIS.

2. REPORTS TEND TO BE FRAGMENTARY, BUT IT APPEARS BOTH TOWNS HAVE RECEIVED SPORADIC FIRE PRESUMABLY FROM SOMALI-BACKED INSURGENTS SINCE LAST WEEKEND AND THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME FIRING IN THE TOWNS THEMSELVES. REPORT OF ATTACKS CONFIRMED BY SOMALI AMBASSADOR AS WELL. MEANWHILE STATUS OF RE-PAIRS TO DJIBOUTI RAILROAD IS EQUIALLY CONFUSED. WE HEAR OF ADDITIONAL BRIDGES BEING BLOWN, BUT HAVE NO HARD INFO. CONSENSUS IN ADDIS AMONG FOREIGN MISSIONS, HOWEVER, IS

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THAT IT MAY WELL BE LONG TIME BEFORE RAILROAD IS OPERATING AGAIN. ONE IMPORTANT ROAD BRIDGE BETWEEN HARAR AND DIRE DAWA HAS BEEN BLOWN, CUTTING VEHICULAR TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE TWO TOWNS AND ANOTHER HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN BLOWN BETWEEN HARAR AND KULUBI.

3. SO FAR AS WE KNOW THERE ARE NO RPT NOT AMCITS IN

EITHER TOWN.

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